

ECW Strategies

General:

- Always keep an eye on your tie-up meter. When it reaches white, you are in control and will have a greater chance of pulling off an extremely devastating maneuver.
- When down on the mat at the mercy of an opponent, repeatedly tap the Punch Button. As you rise to your feet, you'll nail your unsuspecting adversary with a surprise uppercut or crotch shot. Use this break in momentum to turn the tide of the match.
- When your health meter hits the red, buy yourself some recovery time by climbing out of the ring. Just be sure not to fall victim to a big damage move or you might not make it back!
- Pose for the crowd whenever you can. Once they're behind you, move in for the kill.
- Constantly be aware of your position in the ring. Formulate your attack/defense accordingly.
- Play to the strengths of your wrestler. Don't take to the air with a big man (unless it's Mike Awesome!). Don't wrestle a scientific match with a brawler.

VS

VS is **ECW: Hardcore Revolution's** most basic type of match. You and an opponent will go at it, one-on-one for the one, two, three! From the opening bell, take it right to your opponent with a bevy of basic moves including punches, kicks, basic slams and suplexes. Save the flashy, big damage moves for later on in the match when your opponent is begging for mercy. In the meantime, concentrate on simple attacks to begin chipping away at his energy. Avoid attacks by dodging left and right with the Side-Step Buttons or by using Block. If your opponent does manage to grab you in a hold, always go for the Reversal.

Once you've knocked your opponent to the mat, hit him with one or two quick stomps, then immediately segue into a grapple hold to inflict more damage. After your opponent's health has depleted to yellow/orange, you should start attempting higher-risk moves. Even if you miss a move, you will still hold the advantage in the match. Hit your opponent with a few big damage moves. Once his health meter dips into the red, put him away with a big finisher!

Tag Team

In a Tag Team Match, you double the danger! You take on a partner and battle with two nasty ECW opponents. The most effective strategy here is to cut the ring in half. Get your opponent over to your side of the ring and keep him there at all costs! Make frequent, quick tags, always keeping the fresh man in the ring. Don't be afraid to go for a double-team move when you get the chance - they're especially devastating! Be sure to use your partner effectively, only calling him into the ring when necessary. There are four situations that require calling your partner into the ring illegally (things are actually illegal in ECW?):

- Attempting to execute a big damage double-team move.

- Saving you from a double-team attempt.
- Tying up an opponent's partner while you go for the pin.
- Breaking up an opponent's attempt to pin you.

When executed properly, this strategy will break down even the toughest opponent in a matter of minutes, allowing you to blaze through the Tag Team competition!

Tornado

A Tornado Match is like a Tag Team Match, without the "tag" part. Two teams of two duke it out in the ring at the same time. In order to get the victory, *both* members of the other team must be pinned or forced to submit. There will be limbs flying in every direction in this match. Be sure you don't hit your partner, and vice versa. The real fun starts once one of your opponents has been eliminated. Even though he will stand outside the ring and interfere, stay away from the ropes and he'll have no recourse but to stand idly by and watch as you bludgeon his partner. Of course there's always the chance that the tables will be turned, your partner will be eliminated, and you'll find yourself in a whole mess of shorthanded trouble. Should this happen, adopt the strategy outlined for the 1-On-2 Match and hope for the best!

1-On-2

A 1-On-2 Match is like juggling chainsaws. Blindfolded. In a 1-On-2 Match you take on the already daunting task of going nose-to-nose with an ECW star, then double it by taking on *two* of them *at the same time!* Quickness is the key to victory in this type of match. From the outset, stay near the ropes. This is an important strategy for two reasons. One, your opponents won't be able to get behind you for cheap attacks. Two, you'll be able to climb out of the ring to temporary safety if you get into trouble. Keeping this in mind, your best shot at victory is to execute a short series of quick moves from the Ready position. Once you've knocked one opponent down, immediately re-focus your attack on the other. Don't bother locking up or going for complicated moves here, you're only asking to get caught with your tights down! Once you find yourself on the receiving end in a 1-On-2 match, it's almost impossible to recover!

1-On-3

Are you kidding me? 1-On-3? Come on... seriously... Well, if you insist of trying your luck in a 1-On-3 Match, the best strategy very well might be prayer and silent reflection. The second best strategy is to keep your back to the ropes, as explained in the 1-On-2 strategy section. Adopt a "hit-and-run" approach to the match. Strike quickly and then move. Be careful not to get tied up by one of your opponents. Eventually, you'll find a rhythm and maybe, just maybe, you'll escape the 1-On-3 Match with all of your major organs intact!

Lumberjack

A Lumberjack Match is identical to a VS Match in every way, except that there are two ferocious ECW grapplers waiting outside of the ring, just dying to put the boots to you. Should you find yourself in the unfortunate position of being outside of the ring, they will not hesitate to throw you a good beating before rolling your carcass back into the ring for more. Obviously, the main strategy here is to STAY IN THE RING (unless maybe you're Sabu)! On the same token, try to keep your opponent close to the ropes. There's a good chance that one of the lumberjacks will grab him by the ankles and pull him out of the ring to do your dirty work for you. Take every opportunity you can to toss your opponent out of the ring. While he's outside taking the beating of a lifetime, use your time alone inside the ring to pose for the crowd and gain some momentum. When used properly, this strategy can result in a relatively pain-free victory, but screw it up and you'll get your ass kicked by three wrestlers instead of one!

3-Way Dance

The 3-Way Dance is an ECW original in which three combatants are pitted against each other in one ring at the same time. The object is to defeat one of your two opponents via pinfall or submission. This match can be especially volatile. Attacks come at you from all angles, and the person you just helped won't hesitate to turn right around and slam you. The safest bet is to be on the defensive from the opening bell, backing off into a neutral corner and letting your two opponents go at it. Be sure to defend yourself if you become a target, but don't initiate any major attacks just yet. Once the competition has beaten each other into the orange, confront the opponent with the most energy left and throw him out of the ring, or floor him with a big damage move. Now turn your focus to the weaker opponent and quickly put him away with a painful submission hold for a 3-Way Dance victory.

Battle Royal

In a Battle Royal Match, four ECW grapplers start off in the ring. It's your job to make sure that three of them don't stay there for long. In order to win a Battle Royal, you must be the last wrestler left in the ring at the end of the match. This can only be accomplished by throwing your opponents over the top rope and onto the hard, cold concrete below. You have to be very cautious when wrestling in a Battle Royal since the slightest error in judgment can result in a quick elimination which does as much damage to the ego, as it does to the body. Keep your opponents in front of you at all times and don't attempt too many high-risk moves. If one of your challengers gets behind you while you're stunned, it's all over! Once you've managed to stun your opponent, tie him up from behind, and throw him out over the top rope using the Atomic Whip. By this time, one of the other two combatants has probably been eliminated as well, setting up a *mano y mano* brawl for the victory. Once again, wrestle cautiously. As soon as your opponent becomes stunned, dump him over the top for the big "W."

- Note: If your wrestler has the Overhead Belly Suplex in his repertoire, you can lure your opponent close to the ropes and immediately throw him over your head and out of the ring using this move.

Elimination Style Matches

VS

In an Elimination Style VS Match, you have to defeat four ECW stars, one at a time. As soon as you beat one opponent, another will show up to take his place in the ring! The secret to winning this type of match is to wrestle under control, don't take too many unnecessary risks and always put an opponent away as soon as you get the chance. From the opening bell, stick to the basics. As soon as your opponent's health dips into orange, try to make him quit with a submission hold. With each opponent you eliminate from the match using this strategy, you will be able to take more and more chances since there are fewer challengers left to beat.

Tag Team

The Elimination Style Tag Team Match works on the same principle as the Elimination Style VS Match. The difference is you and a partner will square off against *two* ECW tag teams, one at a time. The strategy of simplicity reigns supreme here; attempting too many flashy moves too early in the match will cost you big time! Be sure to wrestle with some degree of caution. Try to cut the ring in half, keeping your opponent from tagging in a fresh partner, and use *your* tag team partner effectively. Follow these strategies and maybe you'll escape alive. Maybe.

8-Man Tag Match

An 8-Man Tag Match pits two teams of four ECW stars against one another. When a competitor is eliminated from the match via pin, submission or count out, another grappler will come down to take his place. This will continue until all four members of one team have been eliminated. The best strategy is to treat the match like what it is - a Tag Team Match done to the extreme! Start off following the same strategies employed during a regular Tag Team Match. Don't take big risks right off the bat, cut the ring in half and make efficient exchanges with your partner. Start thinking about eliminating opponents via submission holds once their energy hits orange. As you begin to eliminate your opponents from the match and the numbers begin to turn in your favor, start taking more risks and going for big damage moves. However, should your opponents start to mount a comeback and eliminate one or more of your partners, revert to the same cautious method that you began with until you regain the upper hand.

Battle Royal

A whopping thirty ECW stars tear down the house in an Elimination Style Battle Royal. You begin this match in the ring against three other hardcore wrestlers. A new wrestler will enter the ruckus every 30 seconds, with a maximum of four brawlers in the ring at any given time. The object is simple here - survival - the extreme way! The strategy for this type of match is similar to that of the normal, 4-man Battle Royal, but keep in mind, in order to win here, you have to eliminate twenty-nine opponents, not three! An Elimination Style Battle Royal will take its toll on even the toughest competitor, so wrestle in control here. Don't go for many high risk moves, and when opponents do battle with one another, let them! The name of the game here is not how many competitors you eliminate - it's making sure that *you* don't get eliminated! Stay away from the ropes whenever possible, and don't hesitate to get behind an opponent the instant he's stunned, then dump him over the

top rope with an Atomic Whip. You can also eliminate opponents when they're not stunned using the Overhead Belly Suplex (that is if your wrestler is ring-literate enough to know this move). The Elimination Style Battle Royal will prove to be one of the toughest challenges in **ECW: Hardcore Revolution**, so make sure to pray... no... train hard... no, not it either... take your vita... aww, screw it, just kick some ass!

4-Way Dance

Four ECW stars square off at once in this insane hardcore match. The objective of a 4-Way Dance is to be the only wrestler not to be pinned, counted out or forced to submit. From the opening bell, two of your three opponents will most likely square off - let them! While they are getting Medieval on one another, invite your third opponent, who is no doubt feeling lonely now, to dance. Keep the focus of your attack on this same opponent until you are able to pin him or make him submit. You might take an occasional cheap shot from one of your other opponents, so feel free to return the favor, but keep the beating constant on the opponent you squared off with at the beginning of the match. Once he's been eliminated, back off into a neutral corner and let your remaining two opponents fight it out while you regain energy. Go into defensive mode here, and only attack when you are attacked. Eventually one of your two opponents will defeat the other, leaving you in a one-on-one match up. Immediately become the aggressor at this point, taking the fight right to your tired opponent. Let the amount of energy you have remaining dictate your wrestling style here. If you are in the green, go for big damage moves. But if you are barely holding on in the orange or red, put your challenger away with a submission hold the first chance you get.

Stable Match

Sixteen ECW stars battle it out in four teams of four in this Elimination Style Match. This is very similar to a Tag Team Match, except four teams compete at once instead of two, and the number of bloodthirsty competitors on each team has been doubled from two to four. The object of a Stable Match is to eliminate all four members of the other three teams. The Stable Match is the most unpredictable match in **ECW: Hardcore Revolution** because any number of unique situations can occur. For example, the match might turn into a 2-on-2-on-2-on-2 (got that?), a 1-on-2-on-3, or even a 4-on-1. Anything is possible here! The best strategy is to be ready for anything, and change your style of play accordingly. You might luck out and end up with all four of your wrestlers administering a near-illegal beating to a solitary opponent, but on the same token, you might end up squaring off against twelve ECW stars all by your lonesome! Hope for the best but prepare for the worst (sort of like a natural disaster or a plane crash), and you just might survive the Stable Match!

3-Way Dance

This is similar to a regular 3-Way Dance, but *both* opponents must be defeated here for the win, instead of just one. The match strategy here is similar to that of a regular 3 Way Dance. It's wise to back off to a neutral corner at the bell and let your two opponents tear each other down. Take to the defensive here, attacking only when attacked. As soon as one of your opponents has been eliminated, quickly and aggressively move in on your weathered opponent. If you managed to keep your

nose clean during the first part of the match, you should have an insurmountable energy advantage over your opponent who has been fighting tooth and nail the entire match. Use this to your advantage by hitting a succession of big damage moves. Put him away when you think he's had enough.

Match Options

Death Match

The Death Match is ECW: Hardcore Revolution's most dangerous match, hands down! The entire ring area, including the ring itself, is littered with some of the most extreme weapons imaginable. The key to winning the Death Match is to ignore all of the pointy, hard, seizure-inducing goodies, and wrestle as though they aren't even there. Once your opponent has been knocked to the mat or stunned, grab the nearest weapon and plant him square in the face with it. This will send him back down for a quick "mat-nap," giving you another opportunity to brain him. Most weapons should be good for two solid hits. Should your opponent get a jump on you and get his dirty hands on a weapon, try a quick punch or kick to disarm him; blocking won't do you any good here. Keep this up and you'll make short work of the competition on your road to Death Match royalty!

Cage Match

A Cage Match is the same as a VS Match, except you and your opponent are surrounded by 15 feet of steel fencing on all sides of the ring! The object of a Cage Match is to bludgeon your opponent, climb over the cage, and jump out of the ring for the victory. The in-ring strategy for a Cage Match is the same as a VS Match. Start out with more basic moves and graduate to big damage moves as your opponent becomes stunned and his health begins to deplete. You can also use the actual steel cage itself to your advantage by whipping your opponent face-first into the unforgiving steel, or even soaring off the top of the cage and crushing your unsuspecting opponent in the ring below (see New Jack). Once your opponent's energy hits the red, stun him with a move of your choice. Climb up and out of the cage for the win, leaving your stunned opponent inside the cage wondering what year it is.

Last Man Standing Match

The goal of a Last Man Standing Match is to knock your opponent down and make sure that he doesn't get up - literally. The trick here is to administer a beating so brutal that your opponent is knocked to the mat and unable to get back to his feet before a 10 count. The key to winning a Last Man Standing Match is to be completely unrelenting in your attacks. Once your opponent hits the mat, stomp him and put him in a submission hold. As soon as he struggles back to his feet, hit him with another Ready Move and start the cycle of violence again. Waste no time

between attacks, and keep up this pattern until your opponent goes down for the count, ECW style!

Street Fight Match

A Street Fight Match is identical to a regular VS Match in every way, except here you have the luxury of pinning your opponent *anywhere* in any of the insane arenas available in ECW: Hardcore Revolution. If you throw a weakened opponent out of the ring in a Street Fight Match, you can follow up with a Plancha over the ropes or a high-flying maneuver off the top rope, then go for a pin right there on the unforgiving concrete floor!

Barbed Wire Match

The Barbed Wire Match is definitely not for the weak of heart! In this, the most dangerous match in all of professional wrestling, the normal ring ropes are taken down and replaced with razor sharp barbed wire. The best strategy here is to try and whip your opponent into the barbed wire every chance you get, as the results are absolutely devastating. On the other hand, you have to do everything in your power to keep your own sweet hide away from the piercing steel that surrounds the ring. If you've got the guts to survive a Barbed Wire Match, then you truly understand what ECW: Hardcore Revolution is all about!

Win Modifiers

Finisher-Only Match

The only way to win this 1-On-1 Match is by hitting your finishing move before your opponent does. Wrestle this match as you would any normal VS Match, but the instant your opponent's energy dips into the red, try to pull off your finisher, and don't let up until you do!

2 Out Of 3 Falls Match

You won't be declared the winner here until you are able to beat your opponent in two out of three consecutive matches. Wrestle the first match of the series as though it was a normal VS Match, but be sure to completely demoralize your opponent by beating him until your stomach turns. Once his energy meter has turned dark red, put him away with a submission hold for the first fall. When the bell sounds to start the second match, your opponent will start out with his energy in the yellow. You will have a sound advantage if you wrestled a smart first match. Catch him with a few big damage moves right off the bat, then put him away using the same submission hold for the second fall and the victory.

I Quit Match

The goal of the I Quit Match is to make your opponent submit using one of ECW: Hardcore Revolution's many torturous submission holds. At the bell, come out as though this was a normal VS Match. As soon as your opponent's energy goes orange, slap on a submission move and hold on for dear life. Should your opponent break your first attempt, try, try again, until he's broken, blue in the face and screaming for his mommy.

First Blood Match

The first to draw blood from an opponent will be declared the winner of a First Blood Match. Isolate an area of your opponent's body (preferably one with a lot of nerve endings), and go to work on it. Instead of going for the full-body bludgeoning that you usually go for, stick to this one area for the entire match. The juice will be flowing before you know it, and your hand will be held high in victory.

Iron Man Match

In an Iron Man Match, the wrestler with the most pins in a given amount of time will be declared the winner. After you have selected the time limit, take it to your challenger with everything you've got. When a competitor's energy is running low, it's hard to make a comeback. Once you have a buffer zone of a few wins between you and your opponent, throw all strategy out the window! Wrestle freestyle as you wait for the clock to expire.